



ANNOTATED VERSION OF THE AGENDA FOR BONNIE AND CDR – The bracketed notes are to prompt Bonnie's comments)

Proposed Agenda (revised October 4)

WORKING GROUP MEETING – Thursday, October 7, 1999, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

SWANSEA RECREATION CENTER – 2959 East 49th Avenue, Denver CO

Community Issues

What questions or concerns or suggestions does the community have that they would like the other Working Group members to hear and/or address?

Progress report on Phase 3 sampling

Update on progress of the sampling work

Quality assurance of data – What is being done to validate the data that is being collected? [Bonnie will explain about the in-field laboratory work and the need to validate the data that is collected to assure its accuracy and will explain the difference between preliminary data and validated data]

Plans for release of data – Who will get the data and when? [Bonnie will explain

EPA's decision to not release preliminary data to anyone (including the State) and its commitment to release the validated data to everyone as soon as it is available. Bonnie – is this also the place to discuss how to let residents know what the data means as they receive their individual data? We can ask Working Group members what they think will be needed by individual residents - ?]

UPHOLD EPA'S COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE DATA AS SOON AS IT'S AVAILABLE

Relative Bioavailability Study

Update on progress of study [Bonnie's explanation of what happened – Due to

laboratory schedule, EPA had to proceed with the study after giving the Working Group only 48 hours to give EPA input on the study plan. The State, rightly so, said they needed 30 days to review the plan and provide input. Bonnie had to go ahead with the plan. Bonnie (who will talk with Barbara O'Grady about this ahead of time) will explain how and issues of the State will be dealt with by the Working Group when the results of the bioavailability study come in – and that we will all hope that the State will find that the study plan was just fine. Bonnie will also ask the Working Group to give her feedback in the future before she sets a comment period, on how much time they each need to review something and provide comments.]

Process for receiving and addressing comments on the study plan

[Bonnie, do you want to say anything about Dr. Drexler's work?]

Toxicity Assessment

Update on EPA/ATSDR discussions at Headquarters level regarding arsenic toxicity [Bonnie will talk about Washington's involvement in the arsenic toxicity

1.) DATA THAT IS NOT QUALITY ASSURED SHOULD NOT BE USED TO MAKE DECISIONS

2.) MINIMIZE STRESS IN COMMUNITY BY

PROVIDING ALL RESULTS AT ONE TIME AND ONLY AFTER QA

3.) CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ACTIONS, BEGIN REMEDIAL ONLY AFTER ALL SAMPLING RESULTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

issue and explain that Headquarters wants to form a working group on this issue with EPA Region 8, EPA ORD, and ATSDR, and say that because of this interest in the arsenic toxicity issue, Headquarters will review the Vasquez risk assessment. Bonnie – do you want to talk about the possible health effects of arsenic?]

Biomonitoring

ASTDR's decision regarding biomonitoring [David will report on the decision of the biomonitoring committee at ATSDR to go ahead with biomonitoring at Vasquez. We need to clarify: the extent of the biomonitoring (200 people only), the purpose (community service), the outcome (information about whether people have been exposed recently to contamination), what chemicals will be tested for, and that this decision is not the result of the Public Health Assessment but is a response to community concerns]

Role of ATSDR/State/EPA in conducting biomonitoring – Who will do what? For whom will biomonitoring be available? How will it be conducted? What will be learned from the biomonitoring? [In addition to ATSDR's desire to do biomonitoring, the State has said they would like to do biomonitoring. Also, EPA is interested in conducting a scientific study at the Vasquez site, as part of its national interest in arsenic. We need to have discussion on how to create the best capacity for biomonitoring at the site and if there are multiple efforts, how to make them congruent so the total information collected is useful.]

Objectives for biomonitoring [Bonnie will suggest a technical meeting to deal with biomonitoring protocols]

Timing for biomonitoring

Health Team

Report on Health Team conference call

Future meeting dates/activities of the Health Team

Issues from Health Team for Working Group discussion

Final clarification of purpose and structure of Health Team

[This may be the place to explain the difference between ATSDR's and EPA's contaminants of concern – how it is OK to have different ones. Is this the place to show EPA's flow chart and distribute EPA's expected upcoming schedule – so the group can see how the Health Team activities fit in, or should we do EPA's schedule earlier in the meeting?]

Exposure Assumptions

EPA will distribute written questions related to the exposure assumptions, for review by Working Group. These will be the basis for input from Working Group members on the exposure assumptions, and will be discussed in the November Working Group meeting

Enforcement Effort

Status of the enforcement effort and suggestions by Working Group

Community Involvement Activities/Strategies

Corrections to July/August/September Meeting Summaries

Next Steps

Meeting Evaluation